

COLD WAVE FINDS GAUNT POVERTY IN MANY HOUSEHOLDS

Destitution Reported in Towns Within Easy Radius of Philadelphia. Charity's Hand Open.

Winter's sudden advent has caused widespread distress in towns of eastern and central Pennsylvania. The calls on the charity inclined from families whom the drop in temperature found without fuel and food and destitute of the means of providing these necessities have been unusually heavy during the last few days. The response to the majority of cases has been prompt and liberal, but in some communities the distress has taxed the resources of the inhabitants, many of whom are out of work and barely able to supply the needs of their own homes and families. In some cities and towns public measures of relief have been put in operation. Reports from points within a comparatively short radius of Philadelphia are printed below. They furnish an idea of the destitution that exists almost at the city's gates, and offer a suggestion to those imbued with the Christmas spirit for its exercise in a practical and substantial manner.

PUBLIC APPEAL FOR AID TO POOR OF LANCASTER

LANCASTER, Pa., Dec. 15.—More actual destitution exists in this city this winter than has ever been known, and the urgent appeals for help being made show that the severe weather has accentuated the distress. Reports show that 150 families are known to be absolutely destitute. An unusually large number of men are without employment and there is no work to be had. Church and charitable organizations are busy affording relief.

A meeting of the Central Labor Union, which is made up of representatives from all the local labor organizations, held a meeting last night and discussed relief measures and those who will erect the tabernacle for the coming Stoughton evangelistic campaign here are asked to give employment at once to men out of work. Representatives from various charitable bodies and other interested citizens met at the Y. M. C. A. building last night. It was stated that never before since the founding of the Buchanan-McEvoy relief fund by President James Buchanan had there been so much appeal for aid.

It was decided to issue an appeal for funds to be used for relieving distress in Lancaster, the work to be in charge of the Lancaster Charity Society and the Lancaster Humane Society.

WYOMING VALLEY SUFFERING FROM COLD AND WANT

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., Dec. 15.—The sudden dropping of the temperature to the zero point has brought about great suffering in various sections of the Wyoming Valley. The breadwinners of a large number of families being without work and unprepared for a sudden drop in the temperature, the appeals to charitable institutions and to the Poor Board have been numerous. There has been such a heavy drain on pocketbooks in the last six months that charitable institutions have not sufficient funds to extend all the relief that is needed. The Salvation Army, the United Charities, the Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A. are all sharing in the work and while they have been able to extend some relief, it is not as much as desired. There is a big demand for coal. Many poor families have little on hand and are without the funds to supply their needs. The charities and the Poor Board are looking after these cases, but if the cold spell is extended it will be necessary to make a special appeal to the people of the valley.

WILLIAMSPORT ACTS QUICKLY IN RELIEVING POOR FAMILIES

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., Dec. 15.—Quick action by City Missionary T. H. S. Wilson and charitable organizations in supplying coal, clothing and food to scores of poor families has temporarily relieved the suffering caused by the intense cold that has gripped Williamsport for two days. With the mercury at zero yesterday a number of families were found without fuel. In every case a supply of coal was ordered and clothing and provisions sent to the house. In this work City Missionary Wilson was a leader, provided with a relief fund established by the late Senator J. Henry Cochran and kept up by his family. There are no restrictions to the use of this fund for relief of the city's poor, instructions having been given that no one is to be permitted to suffer for lack of food or fuel. Several of the churches have also formed relief organizations to look after all needy families in the church community.

MUCH DISTRESS IN READING IN WAKE OF COLD WAVE

READING, Pa., Dec. 15.—Considerable suffering has attended the sudden cold wave and the police have reported many families who are in distress. The associated charities are co-operating to relieve the suffering and a census of needy families was taken some time ago to prepare for a contingency like the present. Coal and supplies are being furnished by the charities organization and already several hundred tons of fuel have been distributed. The thermometer registered nine degrees above zero at 7:30 o'clock this morning in the city and in the suburbs of the mountain districts it was a degree below zero.

There are several hundred families on the city's charitable roster. The city is furnishing the unemployed as far as possible with work on public improvements. In the outlying districts the Board of Poor Directors are issuing orders for coal and provisions. During the last two days more than 50 able-bodied men were admitted to the almshouse.

DESTITUTION IN POTTSVILLE APPEALS TO CHARITABLE

POTTSVILLE, Pa., Dec. 15.—Zero weather has brought suffering and attention to the poor of this community, and charitable organizations are relieving distress. The King's Daughters are issuing orders, baskets of food, clothing, etc. The funds obtained from their "Pie Day" venture last fall being used. The Young Men's Christian Association has also drawn upon its poor fund, and in addition is issuing orders for coal and provisions. During the last two days more than 50 able-bodied men were admitted to the almshouse.

FAMOUS ENGLISH WATERING PLACE NOW UNDER BOMBARDMENT BY GERMAN FLEET



Scarborough is one of the handsomest and best known of British sea resorts. The city is built upon a series of terraces, rising one above the other from the beach in crescent form. It is not fortified. It is a populous centre and its harbor is generally crowded with merchant shipping. It has a large spa, shown at left, and a promenade, called Foreshore road, a view of which is presented here. The city is 37 miles from York. Its population is more than 45,000.

tary public subscriptions. The Salvation Army and rescue workers are providing for separate Christmas dinners for the worthy poor.

The sudden cold found the poor utterly unprepared. The police authorities today rescued three children found starving and nearly frozen in a stable, while the mother, a widow, was vainly striving to procure aid for them.

WEST CHESTER'S POOR RECEIVING GENEROUS AID

WEST CHESTER, Pa., Dec. 15.—The sudden advent of severe cold weather found the poorer residents of this place entirely unprepared and much suffering is the result among them, particularly in the Negro section where there are many unemployed. The closing of the big Sharples plant has thrown several hundred out of employment and the families of many of these are suffering for the bare necessities of life. The many relief organizations have been doing active work and all have committees busy.

A benefit is being given this afternoon in local theaters and all the relief committees are well supplied with funds. Their chief concern is for the really needy, who will not make themselves known.

COAL AND FOOD NEEDED BY NORRISTOWN FAMILIES

NORRISTOWN, Pa., Dec. 15.—There is much relief activity here as the result of the severe cold snap. The Associated Charities, an organization through which the relief work of Norristown and the suburbs is accomplished, permanently is kept busy providing coal and food in the emergency. Miss Bruster, the secretary, reports that the funds of the organization are being hard taxed. Yesterday a man was found lying on the street nearly frozen to death. He was removed to the Norristown Hospital in a critical condition. For two years here the accommodations at the police station been so crowded. Twenty persons out of employment received warmth and shelter last night in the borough lockup.

MEDIA SUSTAINS COLD WITHOUT GREAT DISTRESS

MEDIA, Pa., Dec. 15.—The sudden severe cold wave has caused less suffering in Media and vicinity than in many communities of like size. There are few very rich and few very poor here. The very poor are being helped by organized charity and organizations that keep in touch with the requirements of the needy, and they report that there is no more than the average winter suffering. A few hundred dollars each year is sufficient to aid those who need financial help in this locality.

URGENT CALLS ON CHARITY BY THE POOR OF CHESTER

CHESTER, Pa., Dec. 15.—As a result of the sudden drop in the temperature and the inability of the poor to procure fuel Arthur Martin, Director of the Poor, reports an increase of 60 per cent. in applications for outdoor relief and particularly for coal. The Ladies Benevolent Society, the St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Michael's Catholic Church and other church societies are laboring assiduously to alleviate the conditions, but report themselves as greatly hampered by the scarcity of funds.

So far there has been no public movement to raise funds, although appeals are being made to the generosity of people of means. Aidmen are daily filling out applications for outdoor relief and for admission to the County Home of unemployed men.

STARVATION ADDS HORROR TO DISTRESS OF COLD

POTTSTOWN, Pa., Dec. 15.—With probably 100 men out of employment, the sudden cold wave is entailing suffering here that will require more than the normal efforts of charitable organization to meet. Empty coal bins, no money and no work tell a story of pitiable plight in this severe weather.

Outside of the associated charities no movement is being made to relieve the distress. Because of limited resources this organization is unable to meet the increasing demands. Large families, when the husbands are out of employment, have appealed to it for help, but enough to tide them over for a few days only could be given. A mother with seven children and a blind husband, with only dry bread in the house, was one of the saddest cases brought before the organization. Her case is only a type of many others, though less distressing.

GREAT DEMAND IN YORK FOR PROVISIONS AND FUEL

YORK, Pa., Dec. 15.—There was an unusual demand for coal and wood made by the deserving poor of the city at the weekly distribution of the York Benevolent Association today, owing to the severe cold weather of the last several days. In addition to distributing fuel, the Benevolent Association gives out potatoes, flour, cornmeal and mince. This helps supplement the outdoor relief of the county poor districts. The Christmas spirit is being manifested in a larger degree than ever by charitably disposed persons, and on every hand preparation is being made by churches, fraternal and other societies and individuals to promote their respective Christmas charities.

HARRISBURG MEETS COLD SNAP WITH LITTLE DISTRESS

HARRISBURG, Pa., Dec. 15.—The intense cold of the last few days here has caused comparatively little distress. The Associated Charities and the Board of Poor Directors have been kept busy, but have not found the demands beyond their resources. Today the Poor Directors issued 51 orders for coal.

The Susquehanna River, which is nearly a mile wide here, is frozen over, and this morning the mercury went down to 7 above zero. Yesterday it was three degrees colder.

Perhaps the greatest sufferers at Harrisburg are the tramps who, in past years, made this city a rendezvous. Forty-nine were found living in a cinder dump near the Pennsylvania Steel Works, having dug out a hole and roofed it over.

WILMINGTON CITY COUNCIL AIDS ASSOCIATED CHARITIES

WILMINGTON, Del., Dec. 15.—Cold is causing considerable suffering among Wilmington poor and extra demands are being made upon the Associated Charities for supplies and upon the members of City Council for coal. No extra preparations were needed to handle the situation, however, as the City Council some time ago promised the Associated Charities to come to their assistance when the private funds of the organization became exhausted. The charitable organization is, therefore, able to meet demands. The principal trouble is that the cold weather will cause much outdoor work to be stopped and add to the number of men out of employment.

NEW JERSEY STORM DEFENSE

Conference in Trenton Considers Methods of Protecting Coast. TRENTON, Dec. 15.—Ways and means for checking the ravages of storms along the coast of New Jersey were considered today at a conference of representatives of practically all the shore towns. The meeting, called by the State Chamber of Commerce, was attended by district army engineers, the New Jersey Harbor Commission, and members of the State riparian commission. General William C. Heppenhelm, of Jersey City, president of the Chamber of Commerce, presided.

While some of the municipalities issued bonds for the erecting of jetties and bulkheads to ward off the seas in stormy weather, recent storms wrought more than a million dollars' worth of damage along the Jersey coast.

Col. Frederick Y. Abbott, of New York, district army engineer, read a letter from General Kinman, chief engineer of the United States Army, who said Secretary Garrison desired to help the people of the New Jersey coast.

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WARSHIPS AWAIT GOETHALS' WORD TO SAIL FOR CANAL

Governor Is Asked to Give Details of Reported Violations of Neutrality by British Vessels.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Definite plans for enforcement of neutrality in the Panama Canal Zone were made by the Administration today. Only the details of "red tape" remained to be unraveled. Governor Goethals will be given, through one source or another, ample power to enforce strictest observance of the isthmian neutrality code.

Further word was awaited today from Goethals. Its receipt will be the signal for action, either by the Navy or the War Department. Goethals has been asked whether he wishes the two destroyers he has asked for merely to prevent wireless transmission of unneutral messages, or to prevent belligerent vessels from making the isthmian waters a base of operations.

If the former, the Navy Department will take charge of the situation. If the latter, Goethals will be given ample force to patrol the canal waterways. In any event, all officials today declared that the hand of Governor Goethals would be completely and adequately sustained. Goethals has been asked to give details of reported violations of neutrality of British vessels as the basis of possible representations to Great Britain. Captain Hugh Rodman, naval officer in charge of canal operation under Goethals, is understood to be preparing a supplemental report.

ROD IN PICKLE FOR TWO

Florence and George Kiel Sadly Await Coming of Family Minister. Florence and George Kiel, who ran away from their home at 723 Orr street Sunday and wound up in Delanco, N. J., with the chief of police, have a spanking in store for them. It will be no ordinary family matter, but chastisement administered by a minister, according to Mrs. George Rogers, the children's grandmother. Today they are installed once more in the Orr street home, penitent and regretful after their two-day escapade. George Rogers, their grandfather, brought them home last night.

RIVAL GANGS IN FIGHT

Police Find One Man Shot in the Shoulder. Rival gangs met at 7th and Wharton streets again. One man went to a hospital, four men were arrested by the police of the 14 and Dickinson streets station house, and were discharged by Magistrate Carson this morning because no one appeared to prosecute them.

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IDLE AND HOMELESS MEN SEEK CORRECTIONS' SHELTER

Pathetic Instances of Hard Luck Frequently Sends "Up the River." Lack of work, cold rains and frigid weather are driving the homeless to the House of Correction. There are 1549 prisoners there today. Last year at this time there were 1022. The figures show that the weather is not the only cause for the big increase. The winter was an open one until a few days ago.

The House of Correction is not crowded now, according to Superintendent William Patterson. He can care for 2500 prisoners, but that is by requiring four or five to sleep in a small room.

He says that most of his prisoners were never arrested before. They were men out of work.

Yesterday 39 men who had no home were sent "up the river." Along with them were five women, who, rather than brave the weather, went to the "Correction."

Superintendent Patterson sent one of the prisoners back to his home in Ontario, N. Y., yesterday. He was a young man, and he had never seen his first child, a son. If arrived a week or more ago while he was freighting it home. He stopped here to look for work.

Patterson called him, and finally got his story.

Patterson has heard many such tales, and many of them were not true. He wrote to Ontario. The wife answered. She sent money that her husband might leave Philadelphia.

MURPHY TRIAL HALTED

Foreman of Mt. Holly Murder Trial Jury Stricken. MT. HOLLY, N. J., Dec. 15.—The sudden illness of Edwin C. Davis, foreman of the trial of Edgar C. Murphy for the murder of Herman Fisher when the case was called this morning. If the juror has recovered, the case will be resumed tomorrow morning.

COLLAPSES FROM HUNGER

Man, Out of Work and Broke, Walks Until He Falls. Policemen of the 20th and Federal streets station, most of whom are married, today helped to make Christmas a joyous one for Robert Townsend, 30 years old, of Ingram, N. J.

Townsend left his wife and two children a short time ago to come to Philadelphia and obtain work. Two days ago he went broke. Having no friends or relatives here, he walked the streets most of the time and tried to forget he was hungry. While walking along 21st street and Gray's Ferry road this morning he collapsed. Special Policeman McGinty found him and called an ambulance. After being revived Townsend was taken before Magistrate Briggs. When the policemen heard his story, they passed the hat. About \$12 was collected. Townsend is hurrying home to his wife and children.

Visiting Judge in Juvenile Court

Judge William Wilkins, who presides over the Children's Court in Brooklyn, was a visitor to the Juvenile Court of this city today, and occupied a seat on the bench with Judge Gorman. The visitor was much impressed with the work of the local Juvenile Court, and expressed his admiration to Judge Gorman.

WANTED TO SHAVE PIGS

100 Beers Gave Barber Desire for Vengeance. Several hundred pigs in the neighborhood of "The Neck" will be enabled to enjoy a merry Christmas as a result of the bravery of Policeman Holleran, of the 4th street and Snyder avenue station. He arrested Edward LeGrand, a barber armed with a murderous looking razor, who declared he was going to shave every pig in the southern section of the city.

To make matters worse LeGrand confessed to having drunk 100 beers since yesterday. Realizing the suffering endured at the hands of even sober barbers, the policeman's sympathy went at once to the pigs. He captured LeGrand by a quick flank movement and quickly disarmed him.

Then he learned that the prisoner's revenge upon the hogs was actuated by the memory of a tough pork chop which he encountered in the course of a disappointing meal at a restaurant downtown.

"I paid good money for the meal," said LeGrand, "and I determined to shave every pig in the Neck." As LeGrand had already lost one shoe at the outset of his campaign against the pigs, Holleran took the man to the Mount Sinai Hospital. There it was found that his left foot was frost-bitten.

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During the delay the other jurors will remain in charge of constables, with as much freedom as is allowed under the law's restrictions in murder cases.

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Lad Loses Life Testing Ice Covering Pond in Kensington. The body of William Lander, 11 years old, 1823 East Westmoreland street, who was drowned when the thin ice on a pond at G and Venango streets, over which he was sliding, gave way, was removed to his home today. It had remained in an undertaking establishment overnight, where it was taken after having been recovered with grappling hooks.

William went to the pond yesterday afternoon with two companions. The thin ice collapsed under the boy's weight. While his two friends on shore started for help, the drowning boy fought desperately to reach ice strong enough to bear his weight. Several boys, attracted by the cries for help, tried to reach William with poles. As he sank for the last time he said: "Give my love to mamma and grandma."

HERBERT AT REHEARSAL

Will Conduct Philadelphia Operatic Society Production Tonight. Victor Herbert will conduct the rehearsal of "The Serenade" by the Philadelphia Operatic Society in the Parkway Building tonight. He is also expected to be the conductor when the opera is presented at the Metropolitan Opera House January 21.

The cast, which has just been completed, will be Yvonne, Emily Stokes Hagar; Dolores, Marie Langston; Lili, The Duke; Horace R. Hood; Carlo Alvarado, Edward C. Coffrain; Romeo, Frank M. Conly; Leo, Paul Volkman; Oboes, Charles J. Shuttleworth; Colombo, Oswald F. Blake.

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